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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 5, 2015
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

**HOUSE BILL NO. 850
RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE**

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 850. This bill appropriates moneys for critical positions in the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service. The Department is in support of this bill.

Extension agents play a critical role in providing education and on-the-ground outreach to our farmers and ranchers. In the past, they have served as key resources helping farmers to deal with pest issues and to provide practical applications for research being conducted at the university. Extension agents also serve as a conduit through which greater ties can be formed between the community and the agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.





UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 8:30am

By
Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor
And
Maria Gallo, Dean
And
J. Kenneth Grace, Associate Dean
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 850 – RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 850, which provides funding for critical positions in the Cooperative Extension Service under the direction of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

We strongly support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

The Cooperative Extension Service is the means by which the Land Grant university system extends the results of research to directly assist agriculture and the public in each state. Among the 50 states, Hawai'i is virtually unique in supporting agricultural research and extension, along with all other university functions, solely through the single budget line of the University of Hawai'i. In recognition of the unique nature of agricultural extension, and to a lesser extent agricultural research, other states choose to provide a budget line specifically for these core Land Grant activities. In the absence of such a funding mechanism, extension service functions potentially suffer to a greater extent than other university functions during periods of fiscal austerity. Tuition-driven university budget models may also have the unforeseen effect of disincentivizing extension functions.

Hawai'i is also unique among all the states in that the four county governments make no set contribution to the costs of the extension service. The program funding that several are willing to provide is greatly appreciated, but core infrastructure support is absent.

As a result of the above-described factors, the extension faculty workforce in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources has decreased 28% over the past six years. Retirements and resignations are a normal occurrence, but the present budget situation prevents replacement of many vacant positions. Again, a focus on university budget reductions and increasing tuition revenue does not support extension staffing at optimal levels.

At the same time, the legislature and the people of Hawai'i have an increasing sense of urgency with respect to food security. This includes a need for accelerated training to assist new farmers, with an emphasis on farming practices that will decrease Hawai'i's need for imported and expensive farming inputs; and a concomitant need to ensure that appropriate good agriculture practices are followed and safe food reaches our plates. In order to reduce our reliance on imported food, and also ensure that farming in Hawai'i remains a viable occupation, our farmers need to be well-trained in both farm/ranch production methods and in practices that will ensure the safety of the food they produce without increasing production costs unreasonably.

HB 850 will strengthen the eroding agricultural extension infrastructure in Hawai'i by appropriating funding for eight extension agent positions, two in each county, for a two year period. Each of the positions identified in the bill represents a state need, and will serve as a resource across the state, as well as filling manpower gaps within their home county and freeing time on the part of current agents to provide better service to their agricultural clientele. In addition to filling immediate needs, HB 850 provides the time needed to work on inclusion of extension functions in the budget models currently being developed within the university.

Thanks for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 850.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 850
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF
TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SERVICE

Room 312
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB stands in strong support of HB 850, which appropriates moneys for critical positions in the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) Cooperative Extension Service.

The excellent work performed by UH CTAHR's cooperative extension service cannot be overstated. The ongoing outreach and education is unparalleled in the State. Farmers and ranchers rely on this program for their very success. Identifying education regarding agricultural sciences and food safety as priorities is important; particularly the latter which will presumably help producers navigate the myriad regulations reflected in the USFDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Please allocate all necessary resources toward this critically important program. Agriculture in Hawaii depends upon it.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support on this measure of vital importance.

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Peter Sullenberger	Three Roads Farm	Support	No

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John C. Cross	Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association	Support	No

Comments: I am John C. Cross current President of the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association. With over 100 members and representing some 18,000 acres of Macadamia Nut trees and hundreds of millions of dollars in farm gate and finished product sales the HMNA Board strongly supports this bill. We need to keep CTAHR's staff and assisting experts at adequate levels. Our industry has suffered from the retirement of the agent responsible to assist us and the unfilled vacancy has gone on too long. We need more talented experts at the Extension Service not just for Macadamia nuts but for all tropical crops grown in Hawaii.

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Wayne Katayama	Kauai Coffee Company,LLC	Support	No

Comments: Chair Tsuji and members of the House Committee on Agriculture. The University of Hawaii Collage of Agriculture and Human Resources is a key resource for technical support for the coffee industry. Over the years the capacity for supporting and growing our industry has been diminished. The restoring of two positions per island will go a long way in providing the technical resource on a timely basis to keep the ag sector growing.

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Councilmember Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Support	No

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Jari S.K. Sugano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: February 2, 2015 HB 850 FUNDING OF THE UH CTAHR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE Chair Tsuji Vice Chair Onishi and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I thank you for this opportunity to provide my personal testimony in support of HB850 relating to the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Hawaii, at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. I strongly support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget. Let me state from the onset of this testimony that, as a member of the faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, it is important to note that I support the prioritization process that the administration utilizes to establish their annual budgetary request to the legislature and can only advocate for additional funding of university programs if it does not negatively impact existing requests that are included in the executive budget. My name is Jari Sugano and I am a County Extension Agent at UH Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Today, I am providing personal testimony. Each land grant university has a federally mandated Cooperative Extension Service (CES) associated with its institution to disseminate research-based information to the public at large. The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) serves as the land grant college of the University of Hawai'i (UH). Historically, individuals, organizations, and communities have turned to the CTAHR for assistance in developing solutions to their critical and emerging problems. Agriculture in Hawaii that was once dominated by the sugar and pineapple industry has shifted towards a diversified agricultural system. Small acreage and family owned farms now account for majority of Hawaii's agriculture industry. Based on the 2007 USDA Census of Hawaii Agriculture, sixty-four percent of farms in Hawaii are less than 10 acres in size. Eighty-five percent of farms are individually or family operated. New pests and diseases continue to invade Hawaii's borders, regulations intensify, marketing issues become more complex, and growers are faced with new challenges that threaten the expansion and advancement of Hawaii's diversified agriculture sector. A change in Hawaii's agriculture industry has prompted a need for responsive, cooperative educational programs in responsible farming, marketing, pest management, risk management and environmental stewardship. The economic success of producers relies on their ability to adapt farming principles and practices to integrate latest and relevant technology and research developments. UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Service utilizes a variety of delivery methods or channels to bring the latest research based information to the attention of clients. This includes the utilization of extension agents. Extension agents transfer research based information, knowledge, and skills that help agricultural producers correctly choose and utilize specific technology and practices

best suited to meet their diverse educational needs (Bennett, 1990). This information enables agricultural producers to make informed decisions. The UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Service serves four counties in Hawaii, which are located on 5 islands within the Hawaiian island chain. Agents are limited in numbers, geographically separated and must deal with diverse conditions unique to each location. Further, agricultural research that applies to the continental United States is not always applicable to Hawaii's conditions. Continued applied research, on farm field trials, and retention of Extension agent positions are needed to fill vacancy gaps and retain our ability to answer emerging and re-occurring issues in support of Hawaii agriculture. I believe that bill HB 850 has much merit. I strongly recommend that it be funded. Ongoing funding to support at CTAHR is crucial to the sustainability of Hawaii's diversified agriculture. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for HB 850.

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Daniel Bishop	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In strong support

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Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need someone on Maui, No agent at this time, we are tapping the Big Island for help.

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

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John McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a key component to the success of agriculture statewide. County agents are needed now more than ever.

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Written testimony in SUPPORT of HB 850 relating to the agricultural extension service.

As a land grant institution, the University of Hawai'i's foundation is to support the science and business of agriculture in the state. All facets of agriculture in the state promote economic self-sufficiency and food sustainability, and appeal to tourists who come for Hawaii's unique island vistas in contrast to urban sprawl. The complement of cutting edge and applied research, and extension of the results of those research efforts to farmers and ranchers, growers of ornamental plants and cut flowers, landscapers, and the home gardener is one of the major strengths of our university. Attrition of the college's cooperative extension service over the past twenty years with personnel retiring or moving onto other institutions has been drastic. Many of the community services that the extension service offers have been cut, and no other government or private agency has come close to filling the educational gap. Scientific and technological breakthroughs have made it impossible for a single person to be a resource for information and assistance with insect and disease control, food safety, livestock and plant production – each requires a dedicated extension agent. Each island is unique in climate, topography, business and political situations, and there must be extension agents that optimize those factors in improving agriculture in their respective counties. I work alongside extension agents and witness each day how much interaction they have with their commercial clients and the general public seeking their expertise. As a private citizen, I turn to the extension service for help with getting rid of little fire ants in my home, determining the best time to prune my lychee tree, and learning how to devise meal plans for a family member with diabetes, and many more questions in my daily life. Where else can I go to get answers to all of these in one place? I ask for your support of HB 850 relating to the agricultural extension service, which will be critical to my quality of life in Hawai'i.

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

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Isabelle Olivit	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Ann Pahukoa	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Shaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Funding these positions is very important to the continued success of tropical Hawaii agriculture.

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Comments: Please vote yes.

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Louisa Wooton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important legislation for farmers throughout our state. Extension agents are the "go to" for agriculture and have provided much benefit to our own family farm on Kaua'i over the past 35 years.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Aloï	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a common sense bill that will support the health of the flora and fauna in Hawaii.
Please support it, Mahalo, Ms. Barbara Barry

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Galimba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. CTAHR extension agent are extremely important and effective for supporting local agriculture.

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Kenneth A Likotu	Individual	Support	No

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Support for HB850

Agricultural Extension Agents Appropriation

Aloha,

I support HB850 which would appropriate funding for Agricultural Extension Agents for our state.

As a farmer in the Hamakua District I rely on the support I have gotten through the years from CTAHR and Extension Agents. Please fund these vital positions!

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Mitts

PO Box 344

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Lars Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HB850

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendan Balthazar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Maui has been without a livestock agent for too long. This is a shame. When John retired the position was not filled. We tried numerous times to get it filled but the money was always stolen for some other thing. This needs to be filled. Brendan

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Gaylene L Barron	Individual	Support	No

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Zen Powers	Individual	Support	No

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Tulsi	Individual	Support	No

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Personal Testimony Presented before the
House Committee on Agriculture
February 5, 2015 at 8:30 am
by
Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

HB 850 – RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Personal Testimony in Favor of HB 850

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi and members of the committee

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Professor and Animal Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. I am also a former Department Chair. I am pleased to provide personal testimony on HB 850. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii or the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

In 2014, the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) celebrated 100 years in existence providing help and education to farmers, ranchers, home owners and other residents in rural communities. CES prides itself in providing up-to-date, science-based information to help farmers, ranchers, home owners and others to make decisions that help them improve their economic status through the work of extension agents, which are faculty positions at UH-Manoa but located in the communities they serve. Hawaii CES has been providing this to Hawaii citizens through the UH-Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). Unfortunately due to budget cuts to CTAHR, and retirements of key personnel, CTAHR has not been able to fund replacement extension agent positions. As a result the loss of particular expertise in areas such as livestock production, organic agriculture, irrigation and water resources, food safety, disease and insect management are lost to the community or the communities have to rely upon extension agents from other islands to provide limited service to these stakeholders. HB 850 provides funding to replace many of these lost faculty members and will restore expertise to communities desperate for this support. I strongly urge support of HB 850

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Faith Ewbank	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Lawmakers, In efforts to find what the needs were from fellow farmers, my findings were that It was a repeated request to secure the funding for more Agricultural Extension Agents. Please honor the progress of the established program and meet at the appropriations necessary to support and expand this agriculture piece of Hawaii's Ag enterprise growth. Mahalo, Faith Ewbank

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Alex Franco	Individual	Support	No

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Feb 3, 2015

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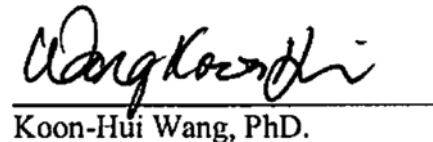
Dear Legislators,

I am writing this letter to support the bill to appropriate moneys for critical positions in UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) Cooperative Extension Service. I am a scientist working in CTAHR on applied research that will benefit Hawaii stakeholders. Thus I work closely with CTAHR extension agents for the last 7 years. I understand the significant impact of our Cooperative Extension Service. Through the services provided by CTAHR extension agents, scientists like myself can better transfer the new knowledge and technologies we studied to our local farmers. Due to the economic downfall, CTAHR CES has to work extremely hard to secure funding to continue the rising needs in extension programs for our local farmers. These needs range from battling with new pests and diseases, increase local food crop production to reduce reliance on food imports of Hawaii.

Funding to support UH CTAHR CES in the past have been proven successful and benefiting great numbers of local farmers in Hawaii. A list of upcoming events line up for 2015 and recent and past events & workshops can be found at <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/sustainag/events.html> to showcase the productivity of CTAHR extension agents.

I trust that the information provided will be of assistance and will be happy to provide further information, if required.

Yours faithfully,



Koon-Hui Wang, PhD.

Plant Pathologist/Soil Health Scientist

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Jeanette Fontanive	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Maui County Extension Agents provide homeowners with impartial, science-based garden and landscape education through the Master Gardener Program and outreach at fairs and other events. Wherever they appear, they are swamped with inquiries. They are needed and greatly appreciated by Maui residents. Please continue to fund this program.

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James Land	Individual	Support	No

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Ann M. Fontes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. The Cooperative Extension Service has a long history of working with local farmers and families to improve and strengthen Hawaii's agriculture through educational programs. County extension agents help to transmit scientific information from the researchers to the farmer who may need this timely information to be a successful farmer. Hawaii needs successful local farmers to produce food for us. Thank you for the opportunity to give you my input.

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Courtney Turner	Individual	Support	No

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**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
Thursday, February 5, 2015; 8:30 am
By
J. Kenneth Grace**

HB 850 RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 850, which provides funding for critical positions in the Cooperative Extension Service under the direction of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

My name is J. Kenneth Grace. I am a resident of Kaneohe, and employed as Associate Dean for Research in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am providing personal testimony on HB 850.

I strongly support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

The Cooperative Extension Service is the means by which the Land Grant university system extends the results of research to directly assist agriculture and the public in each state. Among the 50 states, Hawai'i is virtually unique in supporting agricultural research and extension, along with all other university functions, solely through the single budget line of the University of Hawai'i. In recognition of the unique nature of agricultural extension, and to a lesser extent agricultural research, other states choose to provide a budget line specifically for these core Land Grant activities. In the absence of such a funding mechanism, extension service functions potentially suffer to a greater extent than other university functions during periods of fiscal austerity. Tuition-driven university budget models may also have the unforeseen effect of disincentivizing extension functions.

Hawai'i is also unique among all the states in that the four county governments make no set contribution to the costs of the extension service. The program funding that several are willing to provide is greatly appreciated, but core infrastructure support is absent.

As a result of the above-described factors, the extension faculty workforce in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources has decreased 28% over the past six years. Retirements and resignations are a normal occurrence, but the present budget situation prevents replacement of many vacant positions. Again, a focus on university budget reductions and increasing tuition revenue does not support extension staffing at optimal levels.

At the same time, the legislature and the people of Hawai'i have an increasing sense of urgency with respect to food security. This includes a need for accelerated training to assist new farmers, with an emphasis on farming practices that will decrease Hawai'i's need for imported and expensive farming inputs; and a concomitant need to ensure that appropriate good agriculture practices are followed and safe food reaches our plates. In order to reduce our reliance on imported food, and also ensure that farming in Hawai'i remains a viable occupation, our farmers need to be well-trained in both farm/ranch production methods and in practices that will ensure the safety of the food they produce without increasing production costs unreasonably.

HB 850 will strengthen the eroding agricultural extension infrastructure in Hawai'i by appropriating funding for eight extension agent positions, two in each county, for a two year period. Each of the positions identified in the bill represents a state need, and will serve as a resource across the state, as well as filling manpower gaps within their home county and freeing

time on the part of current agents to provide better service to their agricultural clientele. In addition to filling immediate needs, HB 850 provides the time needed to work on inclusion of extension functions in the budget models currently being developed within the university.

Thanks for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 850.

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Bruce Mosher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ag extension has always provided a pretty good return on investment. I trust it will continue to be.

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Janet	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Sylvia Cenzano	Individual	Support	No

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Peter deVries	Individual	Support	No

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Carl Evensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Passage of this bill will tremendously help the Cooperative Extension Service with improved agricultural outreach to all Counties in Hawaii. VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT!!

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Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Eighth Legislature, 2015
State of Hawaii

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair
Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2015
8:30 A.M.
Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A bill for an act
HB850 RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

We **SUPPORT** HB850 and believe it is important to have Extension Agent positions filled as they serve an important part to Hawaii's Agriculture Industry.

We ask you to consider supporting HB850. If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric S. Tanouye", is written over a faint, stylized outline of a plant or flower.

Eric S. Tanouye
President
Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii is in strong SUPPORT of HB 850, which appropriates moneys for critical positions in UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service.

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This bill testimony I sent in for, should have been titled HB850 and not SB850 like it was sent. Sorry for the mix up. thank you William Jacintho

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Comments: The Maui Cattlemen's Asssocation Fully and Strongly Supports this bill. It is critical that this long time vacant position is filled. Maui County serves three islands, and the position not only works with the Livestock Producers, but also the 4H youth groups through out the County. These programs are great programs that keep our youth busy with a livestock project and off the streets, and out of trouble. Thank you, William G. Jacintho President, Maui Cattlemen's Association

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Michael Menchetti	Individual	Support	No

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WILLIAM R MEYERS	Individual	Support	No

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elton mow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The extension agent is a valuable resource to farmers and many have retired and the positions terminated. The positions need to be reinstated to support the growing focus on agriculture and food sustainability.

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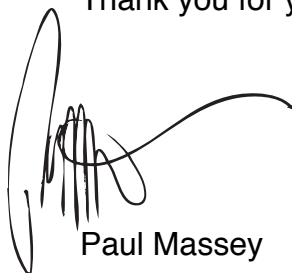
TESTIMONY OF PAUL MASSEY
BOARD PRESIDENT, REGENERATIONS INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN
ON
H.B. NO. 850, RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
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Aloha Chairsperson Tsuji, Vice Chairperson Onishi, and members of the House
Committee on Agriculture,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. No. 850, Relating
to Agriculture. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as President of the Board of
Regenerations International Botanical Garden, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based
on Kaua`i.

Our community-based nonprofit relies heavily on UH CTAHR as an informational and
extension resource. We share the concern that CTAHR is woefully underfunded, and
that HB 850 will provide important budgetary support. Specifically as it relates to Kaua`i,
this bill would fund plant disease and insect pest management positions for our County.
The disturbing quantity of Restricted Use Pesticides used by conventional farming
activities on Kaua`i could be dramatically reduced with assertive Integrated Pest
Management [IPM] research and guidance from CTAHR Extension. Please lend your
support to the passage of this Bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.



Paul Massey

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Kelvin Sewake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been an extension agent with UH Manoa, CTAHR, for almost 30 years, but I am submitting my testimony personally as a private citizen and not representing the UH. Extension agents are the critical link between researchers and farmers as they provide sound, scientifically-based information via effective educational programs to assist growers in all aspects of the farming business. Extension agents are needed in order to help foster the growth of Hawaii agriculture.

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